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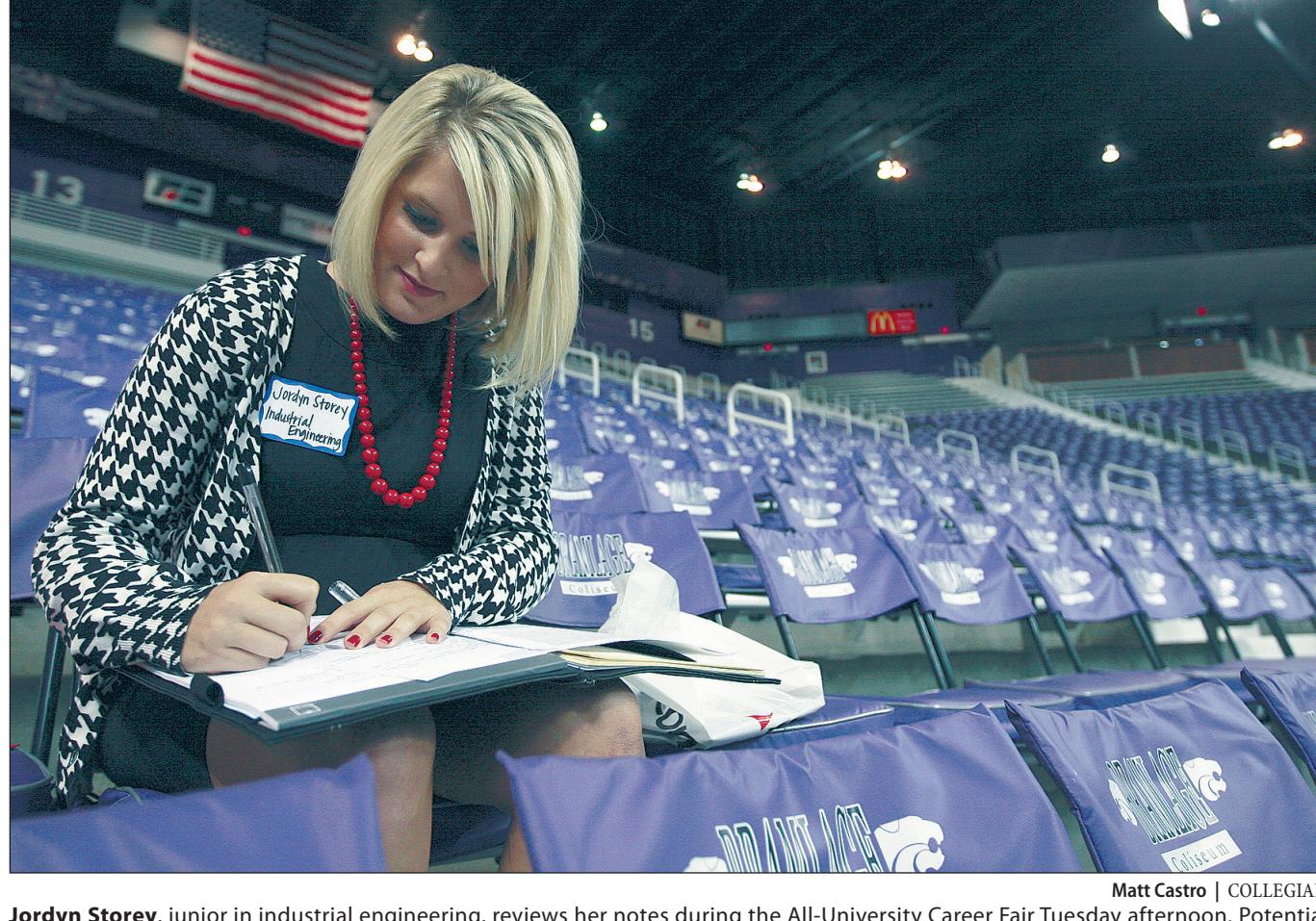
## SPORTS

The K-State men's golf team took home the team title Tuesday. Read the wrap up from the first and only home tournament of the season.

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**Jordyn Storey**, junior in industrial engineering, reviews her notes during the All-University Career Fair Tuesday afternoon. Potential employees were able to meet employers and also receive feedback.

## Career fair sees fewer employers, many students

By Hannah Loftus  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For students who graduate in the fall, the All-University Career Fair has many opportunities to let them connect and network with potential employers.

However, with the state of the economy this year, students feel more pressure to start job searching sooner, said Kerri Keller, director of Career and Employment Services.

"Students are a lot more anxious this year; that is why they are getting an earlier start in the job hunt, especially those graduating in the fall," Keller said. "Most likely they are not going to walk away with a job on their first visit, but they do leave feeling more comfortable with employers. They get a lot of feedback on

their résumé too."

Keller also said employers use social networking and social media to connect with college seniors.

The fair attracted about 2,000 people by the end of the day on Tuesday. Keller said this number was the same as last year.

"We see that seniors are picking and choosing wisely and coming out just for certain employers," Keller said. "They are using their time better."

However, Keller also said the number of potential employers who showed up and registered for the career fair was down from last year. Last year there were 344 employers, which was a record.

"It was packed," Keller said. "The whole concourse and most of the floor was covered with companies. But this year we have actually seen a 40 to 50

percent decrease in the number of businesses that showed up; there was definitely a significant decrease."

Keller said students should not get discouraged by this decrease because the companies that did show up were looking to hire and fill internship positions. Keller also said the decrease is not just here in Manhattan but all across the Midwest and the Big 12 Conference.

From correspondence with other Big 12 schools, Keller said the other institutions are also experiencing 40 to 50 percent decreases.

Adam Poell, recruiter from AgVantis, said there was a definite difference in the number of employers present Tuesday.

"We really only came here today to

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## K-State to exchange with Brazil

By Hannah Loftus  
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K-State is scheduled to participate in an exchange program with Brazilian universities. The university received a four-year grant for \$257,000 for a U.S. and Brazil student exchange program from the U.S. Department of Education.

The title of the project is "Providing Education in Face of Climate Change, Food and Energy Scarcity."

Chuck Rice, professor in agronomy, said the program involves an exchange of students, faculty and ideas to care for the soil and other vital natural resources at a time when demands placed on global agricultural resources are growing dramatically.

"It really is a great way for students to become more independent and to learn about the culture," said Karli Stukenberg, director of the study abroad program. "It makes students step out of their comfort zone and makes them more competitive in the job market."

Students would participate in programs as short as two weeks to an extended exchange of six months.

"Students will be immersed in an exchange culture and agricultural stewardship practices," Rice said. "This will better prepare students to address the complex issues surrounding the most important challenges humanity faces in the 21st century."

Four universities will participate. Two are in the U.S., K-State and Mississippi State University; two are in Brazil, Federal University of Santa Maria and the Federal University of Mato Grosso. However, K-State and the Federal University of Santa Maria are the lead institutions.

Rice said K-State received the grant after submitting a proposal to the Department of Education under the U.S./Brazil Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Program. K-State received one of only 10 grants given this year.

"The region in southern Brazil is agriculturally important, and it provides a tropical environment for our students here in Kansas," Rice said.

Rice said K-State is building a

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## Artist shares his Hispanic culture, songs

By Tim Schrag  
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Humor and Hispanic tunes filled the K-State Student Union Court-yard Tuesday afternoon. Javier Mendoza performed a concert set in the courtyard as part of Community Cultural Harmony Week and Hispanic Heritage Month.

The concert was put on by the Union Program Council, the Hispanic American Leadership Organization and Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity.

Daniel Jemmott, junior in kinesiology, dietetics and nutrition and UPC cultural co-chair, said the event was designed to give students a taste of a different culture. He also said free food was donated by Sal-sarita's to help promote Hispanic culture.

Mendoza is a singer and songwriter from St. Louis, Mo., who

## Economic stimulus package helps city improve

By Shelton Burch  
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From new light bulbs to expanded intersections, the city of Manhattan is scheduled to start seeing effects from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds that the city received.

Manhattan was awarded about \$7 million for various projects in and around the city: \$5.3 million is being used toward the reconstruction of Manhattan Regional Airport's auxiliary runway, while the remainder is being invested into new light bulbs for the street lights of Manhattan and the reconstruction of the intersection of McCall Road and U.S. Route 24 in east Manhattan.

Lauren Palmer, Manhattan assistant city manager, said the city had to fill out separate applications for each of the grants, each a small part of the many programs falling under the jurisdiction of the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment act funds. In addition to the \$1 million for the intersection project, Palmer said the city has also been awarded \$530,700 to change Manhattan's street lights to fluorescent bulbs.

Palmer said the intersection was specifically chosen because the stimulus funding had a number of different requirements, including deadlines that had to be met in order for the projects to be improved.

"This one was one of the ones we already had a shovel ready enough that we felt we could do



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN  
Cars blur their way through the intersection of Route 24 and McCall Road Tuesday evening. Stimulus money will be used, partially, in the renovation of this intersection.

everything we needed to and spend the money in time to get it approved," she said.

Beth Martino, press secretary for the governor's office, said the project, like most of the stimulus funds, would indirectly help surrounding counties because Riley has a greater number of jobs than the other counties that surround it.

Robert Ott, Manhattan city engineer, is in charge of modifying the intersection and said the entire cost of the project will be covered by the \$1 million. He also said the project includes a number of different modifications and

improvements to the intersection, like the addition of a 10-foot-wide bike path along the north side of the intersection.

Brian Johnson, principal civil engineer for Manhattan, said a sidewalk will also be added to the south side of the intersection, making crossing the intersection drastically safer for pedestrians.

Another improvement to be included is the squaring off of the intersection, Johnson said. The current arrangement forces drivers to ap-

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# Engineering dean feels passionate about land, education

By Tyler Sharp  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

John English, dean of the College of Engineering, has always loved the land.



**ENGLISH**

**HIS CALLING:**

"I like to work hard, and I like to play hard, and I like to mix the two up," he said. "I like to have fun while I'm working, just like I did when I was growing up on the farm."

An event more immediately illuminating to English happened on a previously untouched landscape in 1969. The moment arrived when Neal Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission.

"At that moment, I was sitting at my grandparents' house in Fayetteville, watching a little black and white television," English said, "and I said, 'I want to be an engineer.'"

English received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and master's degree in operations research from the University of Arkansas. During his work toward a master's, a professor "planted" in English the idea of one day receiving his Ph.D. and becoming a faculty member.

After graduating with his master's, English and his wife went to live in Kansas City, Mo., where he worked for AT&T. But the

words of his professor, Hamdy Taha, began to resonate with English. After three years, he and his wife left AT&T and English enrolled at Oklahoma State and received his Ph.D. English said Taha changed his life.

"To this day, I see Professor Taha and it's just like seeing my uncle," English said. "He's incredibly important to me."

Early in his career, English taught at Texas A&M and Oklahoma State before accepting a job at the University of Arkansas.

At Arkansas, his work stretched beyond the classroom. He served as head of the Department of Industrial Engineering from 2000 to 2007. He directed the Center for Engineering Logistics and Distribution, a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center, with eight partner universities from 2000 to 2005. English also served as the university's development officer, director of a technology incubator and as a full professor, according to his K-State media guide biography.

**DEAN ENGLISH:**

English became a dean at K-State on July 30, 2007 according to a May 2, 2007 Collegian article. Each university English has taught at carries a common link.

"My entire career, from all my education to my faculty positions, they've all been at land-grant institutions," he said. "I love the full circle of land grants and what we do academically."

"We're the college of choice for the average citizens that want to go to college, and we make it available."

Since accepting the role of dean, English has developed a strategic plan for the future of the college. The plan focuses on establishing nationally recognized programs, recruiting and retaining diverse achievers, preparing students and faculty for a changing environment, engaging alumni, providing a diverse faculty and outstanding technological facilities, and disseminating knowledge. English said he believes the college has room for growth.

"If we want to step up to the next level, I think our challenge is really promoting ourselves and the things that we are the very best at," he said.

Faculty members have taken the message of self-promotion to heart.

"I think it's the right approach," said David Fritch, department head and professor of architectural engineering and construction science. "The resources have to be strategically allocated. I think we need to play to the strengths of faculty to get local, regional and national attention and funding."

**PLAN FOR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING:**

- Establishing nationally recognized programs
- Recruiting and retaining diverse achievers
- Preparing students, faculty for a changing environment
- Engaging alumni
- Providing a diverse faculty and outstanding technological facilities and disseminating knowledge

**A PLAN FOR HIS COLLEGE:**

At present, like the rest of the university, the college is experiencing budget cuts. English said it is important for legislators to remember that each university is sending people to work when considering budget cuts.

"We're about economic development, and we cannot continue to shrink and expect increasing demands on our faculty," he said. "We need to recognize higher education as a critical engine in economic development in all degrees."

With that in mind, Gov. Mark Parkinson's remarks to the Kansas Board of Regents on Aug. 25 about raising standards at Kansas universities were encouraging to English.

"I'm of the opinion that this is a major win for Kansas State University, that our governor has stood up and said higher education is important," English said.

In terms of undergraduate rankings, according to a U.S. News and World Report Parkinson referenced, the K-State engineering program is ranked 64th among schools that offer doctorate degrees. Among Big 12 institutions, the program ranks fourth.

In the end, English said he wants graduates of and students in the College of Engineering to know that their influence stretches far across the land he treasures.

"Engineering drives the future in view of quality of life," he said. "You look today in 2009 from cell phone technology to HDTV to affordable computers – everything there is driven by ingenuity and good design work."

Laura Rachelle White, senior in industrial engineering and student senator for the college, said the message is getting through.

"Dean English has made a significant effort to support students in their personal and academic endeavors," she said. "During his first year as dean, he traveled the country supporting design teams of the college and has showed students he truly cares about their future and the future of the college."

## Man hit by car, taken to hospital

By Sarah Rajewski  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A local man was taken to Mercy Regional Hospital after being hit by a car Monday, according to a report by the Riley County Police Department.

Anthony Osgood, 23, of 1420 Legore Lane, was walking at 8:55 p.m. at the intersection of Manhattan Avenue and Old Claflin Road when Veronica Taylor, 20, hit him, said Lt. Herbert Crosby of the RCPD.

Taylor, 313 N. Juliette Ave., was southbound on Manhattan Avenue in a 1998 Volkswagen and was stopped waiting for another pedestrian to cross the street, according to the report. Osgood tried to beat the light and also cross the street when Taylor hit him, Crosby said.

Osgood was transported to Mercy with a possible concussion, and Taylor was issued two citations: one for failure to yield to a pedestrian and one for inattentive driving, Crosby said.

**LOCAL MAN FLEES SCENE**

A local man was arrested and charged with aggravated battery and fleeing or attempting to evade a police officer, accord-

ing to another RCPD report.

Michael Steven Sloan, Randolph, Kan., drove off on a dirt road after a battery incident and police lost him, Crosby said. The event occurred at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, according to police.

Tuesday, police had enough probable cause to arrest him and did so at 7:35 p.m., Crosby said.

Bond was set at \$6,000.

**\$9K IN FARMING EQUIPMENT STOLEN**

A local man reported a burglary of \$9,000 in farming equipment that occurred sometime on Sunday, according to another RCPD report.

Martin Dornberger, 73, of 305 W. Barton Road, Leonardville, Kan., filed a report that the burglary had occurred sometime between 1:30 and 2 a.m., Crosby said.

**THEFT OF TIRES, RIMS REPORTED**

A theft occurred at Manhattan Area Technical College, 3136 Dickens, during the weekend, according to another RCPD report.

The college filed a report for a \$3,000 theft of tires and rims, which occurred sometime between 7 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Crosby said.

## Man's best accessory



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**Mallory Jacobs**, senior in family studies and human services, along with other students, modeled fashions from various retailers around Manhattan as part of the Rescue & Runways fashion show Saturday afternoon at PETCO.

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# Got milk?

## Milk consumption: Unhealthy, unwise

Humans are the only animals on the planet that drink another animal's milk. Thus, by definition, drinking cows' milk is extremely unnatural.

Despite thousands of years of cattle domestication, the human digestive system hasn't even adapted to dairy consumption, which is why you probably can't do the "Gallon Challenge."

In fact, 60 percent of adults worldwide are unable to effectively digest lactose, the main sugar found in milk. So why do Americans insist on consuming massive amounts of dairy products? Dairy industry propaganda and decades of lobbying have made us believe that milk "does a body good," when in fact it only increases the risk of disease and unhappiness for millions of humans and cows alike.

Milk's inclusion in the U.S. Department of Agriculture food pyramid is a direct result of ties to the dairy industry. Most non-Caucasian ethnic groups are almost completely lactose intolerant, yet receive all their required nutrients.

While our favorite, mucus-like mammary secretion does contain large amounts of calcium, that calcium is unlikely to be fully absorbed. Enzymes such as phosphatase, critical to calcium absorption, are completely destroyed by pasteurization.

This means that the calcium content on the label isn't what your body can utilize. The best sources of calcium are actually leafy green vegetables, like broccoli, collard greens, kale and spinach, which also come without the high proportion of saturated fat that contributes to obesity and heart disease.

Harvard studies have actually shown an increase in osteoporosis and bone-breakage in people who drink milk. The former chairman of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Frank Oski, has identified hormone-ridden commercial milk as the cause of 60 percent of ear infections in kids under the age of 6. Milk consumption is the biggest cause of iron-deficiency anemia in children, according to the American Association of Pediatrics.

According to *Mercola.com*, the journal Medicine lists more than 1,500 papers dealing with milk consumption, and not one of them expounds its



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health benefits – this is because milk is made to fatten baby cows, not to be a health drink.

The conditions on modern dairy farms contribute to the inclusion of pus, blood and antibiotics in every tall, white glass of milk. Bovine Growth Hormone is banned in the European Union, but in the U.S., it is pumped into dairy cows to increase yields. The hormone increases incidents of mastitis, an udder infection that leaks pus into the cow's milk.

This means farmers have to treat cows with subtherapeutic antibiotics – those same antibiotics have been found in 38 percent of milk samples tested by the Center for Science in the Public Interest. This overconsumption of antibiotics contributes to drug resistance in bacteria that commonly affects human health. Thus, milk increases our risk of some diseases and makes it harder to recover from others.

Small, traditional dairy farms have been almost completely pushed out of the market by large corporations. Of the roughly 70,000 U.S. dairies, 4 percent of the farms produce about half of our milk. The near constant impregnation required to keep milk flowing, combined with the stress

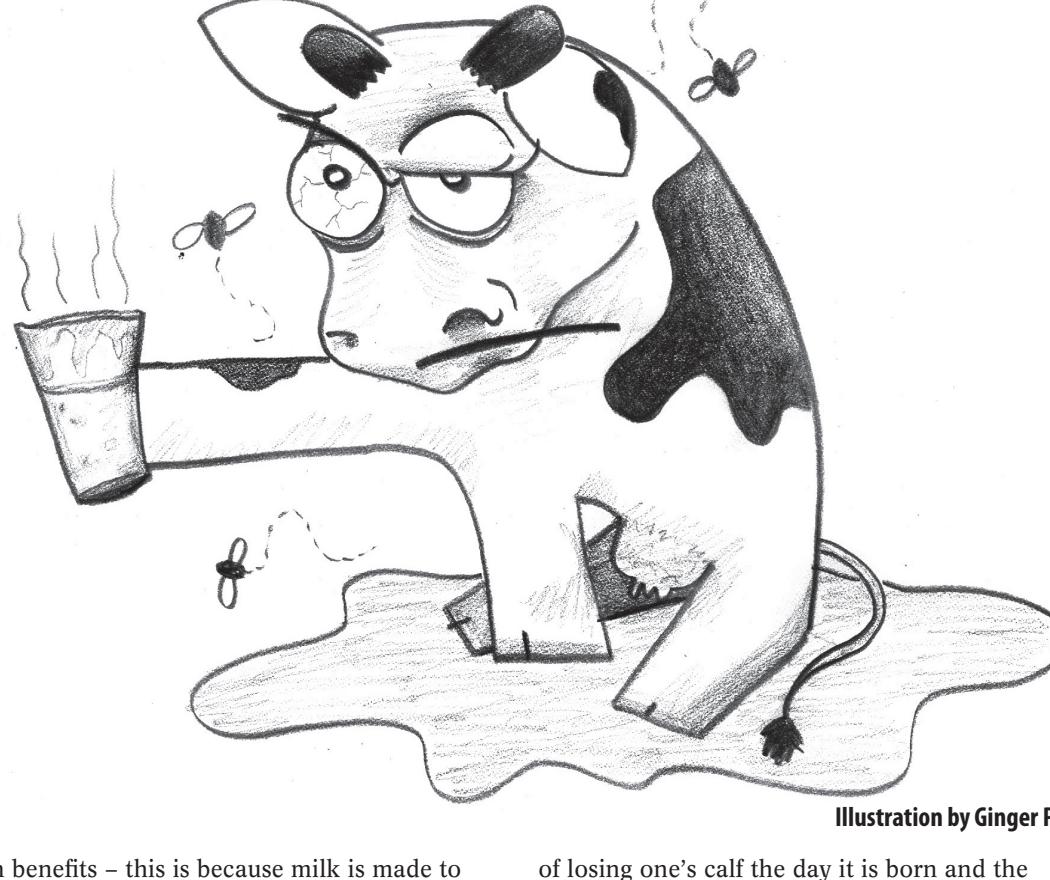


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of losing one's calf the day it is born and the discomfort of a constantly swollen udder has reduced life expectancy of the average corporate dairy cow from 20-25 years to just 3-4 years.

And what a life those three years is. Fresh air, range of movement and social activity don't promote milk production as much as hormones, artificial insemination and confined conditions do.

Drink your milk, eat your cheese and enjoy your ice cream as much as you like. But don't believe the lie that dairy is good for your health. The mucus, blood, pus and antibiotics found in your average glass of milk are symptoms of a larger problem – the power and influence of an American dairy industry that doesn't care about the cows or your health as much as the bottom line.

Be wary of any information presented by those with a financial incentive to support the unnatural, unhealthy consumption of milk – including the Department of Agriculture.

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## Protests against Obama show the nasty practices of politics

If you open the current issue of The New York Times Magazine, you are greeted with the headline, "Who is Barack Obama?" You would think perhaps a happy, fluffy human-interest piece about our president's past would follow.

You would be wrong. The subheader gives a much more accurate description of the article's point: "And why do people say such loopy, ugly things about him? The enduring rot in American politics."

That "enduring rot," of course, is referring to the growing majority of Americans who do not approve of the job our dear president is doing. This is a wide umbrella and covers everyone from Glenn Beck to those of the "birther"



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movement (who claim Obama is not a naturalized citizen), to the tea party participants, to the peaceful protesters in Washington, D.C.

It's currently very fashionable to decry the "nasty tone" in American politics, and pundits are quick to jump at explanations. Former President Jimmy Carter even chimed in claiming the animosity is rooted in racism toward our black president. At least the Obama administration had the good sense to distance itself from that claim.

Liberals are only shocked and outraged by the protests because they're not used to seeing it from the other side.

Joe Wilson stepped over a line by yelling, "You lie!" at Obama during a speech. But during the Bush years, how

many protesters carried signs proclaiming "Bush Lied, People Died?" How many signs put our then-president's face on wanted posters? What kind of person would have the gall to hold up a sheet of cardboard proclaiming "George Bush: World's #1 Terrorist?"

Surely saying that "Osama bin Bush is in the White House" is worse than calling Obama a liar. In fact, if you replace Bush's head with Obama's and substitute flag waving instead of flag burning, today's protests are exactly the same as those during our previous president's term.

These protests and supposed animosity are simply the symptoms of a struggling political party during difficult times. Yes, it seems that media outlets like Glenn Beck are orchestrating and fanning the flames of many protests. But the

same was true of a few liberal bloggers during the Bush years. And besides, the organizers of a protest aren't really important – they don't create the dissent; they just channel it.

Sure, it seems that some of the people protesting today have only the feeblest grasp on their protest methods. Putting a Hitler mustache on Obama's face doesn't really match up with the point they are trying to make. But the same ploy made just as little sense on Bush's face a few months earlier. And the Birther movement might be crazy, but so was the "Truther" movement, which claims that Bush and Co. were complicit in the Sept. 11 attacks.

I suppose the real fear is that all of this anger will incite someone to take violent action against the president. This is always a concern, of course, but Bush made it through five odd

years of liberal protests, so why should right-wing protests be more risky?

Protests and marching that only espouse a narrow political ideology rarely have the intended results anyway. Bush didn't suddenly wake up one day and say, "You know, I did lie!" and I doubt Obama will either. Reasoned debate is still a much more powerful political tool. This ruckus merely serves as a vent for frustration and a galvanizing force for the party base.

Dissent, it is said, is the highest form of patriotism. It's important that we recognize this as true from both ends of the political spectrum.

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Thank you Bobby Gomez for writing intelligent articles in the Collegian. I love you.

Speak for yourself, I don't heed anyone.

When Obama stops acting and thinking of himself as a celebrity and more as a president, we might actually see more of this so-called "change."

Why does the Collegian have a "Best of the Fourum" when the Fourum itself is the worst of K-State?

To the guys who were playing video games on the side of Best Buy: That is awesome.

In regards to the cowboy station faux pas: Why would I want to dress like a pretty boy?

This guy at Sonic almost totally just about face-planted.

These damn Manhattan sidewalks make me feel like I'm drunk because I'm in mud every five steps.

**Trumpets** 8 to 5, trumpets 8 to 5.

If you don't like girls coming to class after working out then don't complain if we get fat.

I can't wait for the day when all the cool people can drive one car: The Hybrid Mustang.

Andrew + Beatles = love

What do the calculator ladies at Kramer do?

Green, tree-hugging hippies have a loud-speaker in Bosco plaza because we're smart, articulate and know how to examine complex issues. Seriously, that's why.

Hello, this is White Light, and I have three things to say: 1. I asked the Collegian to use that picture. 2. The article isn't even about me and 3. I've only been in the Collegian once, the first thing was spur of the moment.

Tom knows everything about you.

I'm still waiting for my Hogwarts letter.

Yay! Kelsey finished her project. Yay!

Yeah, my roommate, who is an ag engineer, just got an A on his organic chem test. Then he cooked a hotdog for seven minutes and caught it on fire.

Marla dances like a gnome.

Hale! Hale! Hale! We'll study until we cry. Hale! Hale! Hale! We'll study until we die. Why Hale do we spend so much time in Hale? Hale! Hale! Hale! We love college.

Flaming coal to the face.

Kyle is king of the squirrels.

I'm Andrew. I hear the raccoon. Hear my roar!

Is it bad that I'm using the excuse of a guy got hit by a car to procrastinate for my homework? I'm using that same excuse as an excuse to call the Fourum.

Can't spell "suck" without KU.

Hello, fellow Founders' Hill residents. There are these lines in the parking lot, see. You're supposed to park between them, see. And that means when I get home at two in the morning I have a place to park, see.

Dating your best friend's ex-girlfriend is like jumping into a boat that's on fire and has a hole in it. You're either going to get wet or you're going to get burned.

To the cowboy I made out with on Saturday night: Let's do that again sometime.

The Pokemon Master's club meets every Thursday at 6 at the Nat.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, serenading your girl since 1898.

**Collegian:** I lied earlier.

**Does anyone know why our flags on campus are at half-staff?**

**Cowboy** up.

**Mr. Herring** has a very fishy last name.

**Hey Sarah**, I'm going to bless you.

**Hey**, to the Joe Carroll blue and white scooter: It's probably going to be less expensive to buy zip ties and replace your license plate at the rubber band sale.

I just realized how illogical anime is.

**Hey Fourum**, I would love to fill your voice-mail again, but I decided to get a life.

**Come** back to Basement United. And bring the jellyfish with you.

**To all the girls on campus**: If you're going to wear spandex pants, please don't wear spandex pants.

**My roommate** is mooing at me.



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## Student wins MTV moonman

By Hunter Stenback  
THE MIAMI STUDENT

While he didn't steal the show, Miami University first-year Ben Parks was among the award-winning celebrities in the audience at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards – and he, too, won a coveted Moonman Award.

Along with nine of his high school friends from Chatham, Ill., Parks took home the Moonman for "Best Performance in a Pepsi Rock Band Video" at the 26th annual VMAs Sunday, Sept. 13.

Parks said, it all started in summer 2009. He and his friends decided to create a video for a contest sponsored by MTV, Pepsi and the "Rock Band" video game that offered the chance to win a Moonman Award and a free trip to New York.

"Basically, this summer we made a video for the MTV, Pepsi and Rock Band contest, and out of around 600 videos we were picked in the top five," Parks said. "The nation then voted for us to win the contest, which included a trip to New York City for a week and tickets to the VMAs where we won a Moonman."

In their video, Parks plays along to Lit's hit song "My Own Worst Enemy" as a member of the fictional band Nerds in Disguise. As the song plays in the background, the video tells the story of a party gone awry after a group of "nerds" invade.

According to Parks, everyone involved in the Nerds in Disguise video arrived in New York City Sept. 8, where the group took part in promotional events in conjunction with MTV and the other sponsors of the contest.

"We flew to New York and then got to go to MTV's studio where TRL used to be filmed," Parks said. "We formulated our acceptance speech that night and also got to meet some MTV executives and talk about how Rock Band came about and how long it took to make and everything. It was very interesting to sit down with those executives and pick their brain for hours to see how they got to where they are today."

According to Parks, highlights of the trip included a photo-shoot of the band members for the November issue of Spin magazine and a stop at a promotional AIDS benefit concert in Manhattan featuring Kid Cudi and Phoenix.

"On Sept. 9 we did a photo-shoot for Spin

magazine that will be in the November issue," Parks said. "(We also) went to an AIDS benefit concert called Life Beat sponsored by Pepsi and Kid Cudi performed his new album and Phoenix performed."

The best part of the trip for Parks was still the VMAs.

"We got to go to the VMAs and sit down with all the artists and hang out with them which was a very neat experience; I got to meet a lot of cool people," Parks said. "We also got to go to rehearsal so we got to see what goes into production of the show and how they prepare for everything and we got to see all the performances prior to the show which was neat."

Matt Hartzler, director of the video, reiterated the excitement of the trip.

"The trip was a lot of fun because I got to see all these guys again and it was like a reunion since we've all been at college," Hartzler said. "Being in New York City for that period of time, the energy of the city was really interesting; doing all the press stuff and all the rehearsals and everything was just like a whirlwind."

Since his return to school Sept. 14, Parks said he noticed a little bit more of a celebrity status.

"I've gotten 'You're the kid who won that award' and 'You're the kid who won a VMA,' but it's just a title to face or something to recognize me by," Parks said. "But a lot of my family members are pretty excited about it and I've been getting a lot of phone calls asking for stories and stuff. It sort of feels like I'm being interrogated at times, but it's fun."

A recent recipient of a Moonman Award, Hartzler said everything is still sinking in.

"It still hasn't hit me yet," Hartzler said. "In terms of the whole experience, I'm still in shock mode. We're waiting for our Moonman (award) to come in the mail but until then, I'm still kind of in awe."

Parks agreed that the entire experience has been surreal.

"I think I was just shocked when I got the call that we won, but at the same time I knew that we had worked very hard and deserved winning," Parks said. "We were all in a surreal state of mind pretty much the entire trip so it was a very enjoyable experience, and hopefully it will pay off into the future."

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## New web site for college gossip

By Delaine Moore,  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

Delaine has crabs.

This is the statement I found one day in my high school bathroom, mocking me in silver Sharpie. And while I was horrified then, I now think about it and laugh, knowing that I'm not the only one who has been subjected to malicious yet highly unoriginal rumors.

After recently visiting the new anonymous Internet board at *CollegeACB.com*, I don't really understand why people still find the need to use these sites.

As the replacement for *JuicyCampus.com*, The College ACB has become the Internet watering hole for salacious gossip and mudslinging rumors, although its mission statement says otherwise.

"The College ACB or College Anonymous Confession Board seeks to give students a place to vent, rant and talk to college peers in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo," according to the Web site.

I do give credit to the few early posters who seemed to have a higher level of conversation on the agenda, but of course those posts were only waiting for the retaliation of "You're a fag," or "Get some balls."

Now the most common posts are "Who is the biggest slut on campus," or "Who hasn't Jane Doe slept with."

Watching random people on the Internet insult each other can seem entertaining, just as long as you're a third person. But what is the point of creating 12 different "slut lists" just to see the same few names come up, usually from sororities and fraternities.

The complete anonymity of the Web

site does not create a safe social environment for students to discuss their inner most feelings. Instead, it creates a breeding ground for the simple-minded to continue showing the world how stupid they really are.

There definitely is a need for a social Web site where all students can feel welcomed and where those who actually want to use their brain can go to discuss topics such as politics, or sexuality or even just where the good places to meet new people are.

However, with anonymous boards such as ACB, people have no incentive to write anything tasteful – not even a decent rant about how their economics teacher ruined their day. Instead, we get unoriginal, malicious insults we have all heard a thousand times before.

It's time for people to wake up and realize college is not only about seeing who is easy to get with or how to make that cheating bastard pay. I would like to think we have evolved from writing gossip on the bathroom wall.

Personally, I don't care who is having an affair with the coach, but what I would like to know is students' perspective on the war or how they plan to land a job after graduation. That would be a more productive use of our time, with or without anonymity on the Internet.

So let's put down our silver Sharpies and actually hold an intelligent conversation – one that doesn't aim to backstab a friend or ruin someone's reputation with overplayed insults.

And, for the record, I don't have crabs – just in case you were wondering. But I did find the comment more entertaining, and slightly more bearable, when someone added in "hermit crabs."

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## Cultural harmonies



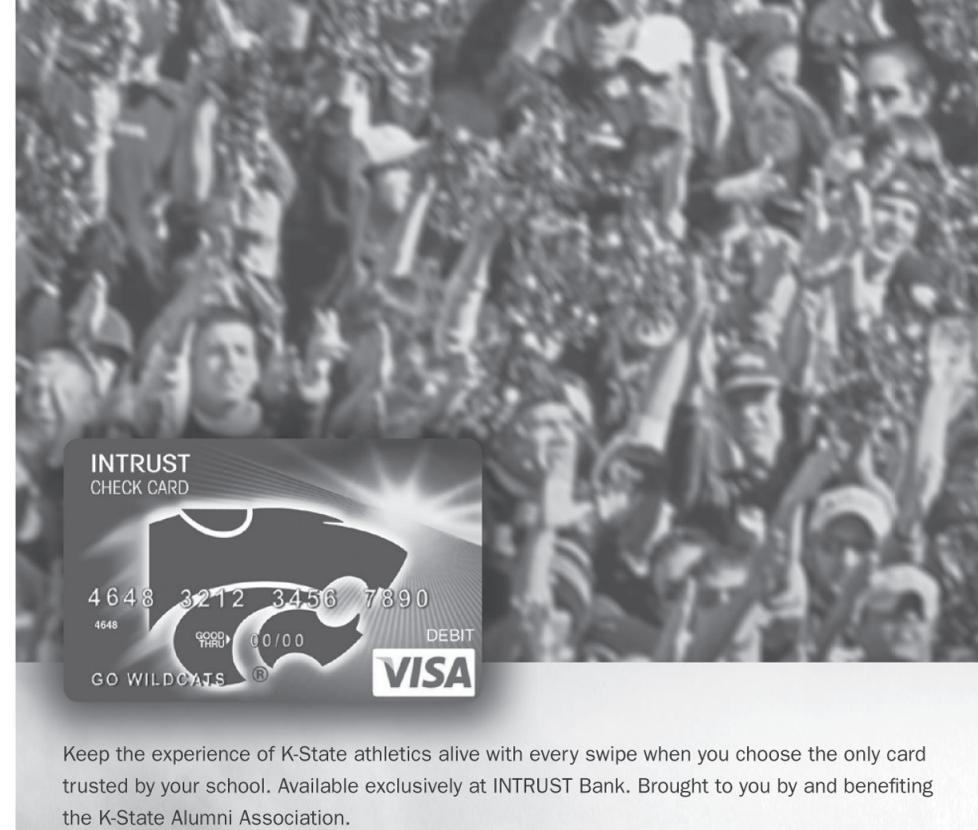
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A performer with the Asante Touring Company raps for a packed audience in the Grand Ballroom of the K-State Student Union Tuesday evening. The group performed "MLK in a Hip Hop World," an original examination of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was part of Community Cultural Harmony Week, which continues through Friday. **Deb Muhwezi**, senior in mass communications, said, "It was an interesting way to hear about history and to learn about the past in a fun way." Muhwezi also said the younger age of the group helped students relate to them. A lot of crowd participation kept things exciting as well. The performance was sponsored by the American Humanities Student Association and the SGA Diversity Programming Committee.



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## Nutter's Midweek Musings

Wednesday conundrums as Carson Coffman and the K-State offense try to figure out the secret of moving the ball in opponent territory.



JUSTIN  
NUTTER

- Take a look at the numbers from K-State's loss at UCLA last weekend: 10 offensive drives, seven drives into Bruin territory, two scores, nine total points. Does not compute.

- If the Wildcats can't manage a respectable point total (28+) on Saturday against Tennessee Tech – the team's worst opponent this season – then the offense can probably expect to have as much success in conference play as the defense did last season.

- Speaking of defense, it's amazing what Vic Koenning and Chris Cosh have been able to do with one of 2008's worst units in college football. It can't be seen much on the highlight reels, but the improvement is nothing short of fantastic.

- If the team doesn't play a solid game this weekend, it won't be because it lacked fan support. The game is just a few thousand tickets short of a sellout, and there's still three days until kickoff.

- To say the least, John Currie has done an outstanding job in the little time he's had. If you ever get a chance to meet and thank him for what he's done for K-State, I highly recommend it.

- Also on a lighter note, Josh Cherry won't be shut out in 2009. He connected on a 26-yard field goal in the first quarter at the Rose Bowl. Unfortunately, that relief was only temporary as he later missed a 40-yarder and an extra point snap was bobbled.

- Raise your hand if you've ever seen worse special teams play by any team at the collegiate level. Neither have I.

- Maybe Wildcat fans have just been spoiled with stellar kick/return units for the better part of the last two decades, but I still hate having to cross my fingers during every PAT attempt.

- Does anyone else miss the days when crossing the 50-yard line meant the team was in Martin Gramatica's range?

- Growing pains aren't just affecting the Wildcats on the gridiron, as the K-State volleyball team is off to a lackluster start and really seems to miss the five seniors from last year's squad.

- Hope is definitely not lost for Suzie Fritz and Co., as a lot of young players are maturing quickly. Expect this team to be atop the conference charts in a year or two.

- Living up to their reputation, the Royals once again waited until early September and decided to become one of the hottest teams in baseball, thus instilling hope into the fan base that "next year is the year ... again."

- I hate to end on a sad note, but after watching the Chiefs turn a surefire win into an embarrassing loss against the Raiders on Sunday, I'm pretty certain Todd Haley and Co. will be at the top of the draft board at season's end. Which LSU player will they take first in 2010?

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# Fight! Fight! Fight!



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Snyder Family Stadium comes to life as energy rises and fists fly from the packed stands at the season opener against the University of Massachusetts three weekends ago.

## Wildcats happy to return to the homefield

By Justin Nutter  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Over the past two weeks, the K-State football team has been one of the most traveled teams in college football.

Due to contractual rights and scheduling layovers from last season, the Wildcats were pitted against Louisiana-Lafayette in Louisiana and UCLA in Pasadena, Calif., taking chartered flights out of Manhattan for each trip. Each time, the team departed Manhattan on Friday and returned the following Sunday.

To put that in perspective, that's more than 4,500 miles in a span of six days.

Though many travelers find long trips such as these mentally exhausting, red-shirt-junior offensive lineman Wade Weibert said the Wildcats worked through the grueling travel schedules in order to prepare for their games against the Ragin' Cajuns and Bruins.

"Coach [Snyder] tells us they give us enough time that, if we go home and get in bed and get off our feet, there's plenty of time to recover," Weibert said. "It's like he told us when we actually got to California;

he said there was a big time change, but we're young and resilient so we can take it."

Many members of the team were nearly overwhelmed when they took the field Saturday to see thousands of purple-clad fans throughout the Rose Bowl bleachers.

"We came out of that tunnel and it was almost completely packed," said sophomore safety Tysyn Hartman. "I don't know how we did it, but our fans definitely found a way to drive thousands of miles or fly thousands of miles to come out and support us."

Head coach Bill Snyder has often expressed his preference to play within the friendly confines of Snyder Family Stadium, particularly during the Wildcats' non-conference schedule. Playing back-to-back road games against non-Big 12 Conference teams was literally unheard of during Snyder's first head coaching stint.

In fact, the last time the Wildcats had consecutive games against non-conference opponents on the road was in 1972 when they traveled to Brigham Young and Arizona State.

Regardless of whether travel wore the team out or not, K-State appears happy

to play a game on its own turf for the first time in three weeks.

"I think [Saturday's game] will be a good opportunity for us, coming back home," said junior quarterback Carson Coffman. "Tennessee Tech is no one to look past. They're going to be a good opponent for us to play in a home atmosphere."

Perhaps returning to Manhattan will result in a change of fortune for the Wildcats, who have dropped 10 of their last 11 away contests dating back to the 2007 campaign.

Weibert said he's appreciated the fans' effort to go support the team away from home. He added that he loves playing in front of his home crowd and often becomes emotional when entering the atmosphere.

"I remember the UMass game, I went out and it kind of got me into tears," he said. "It's so powerful, so electric when you run out there. Knowing that I'm from this state and I'm going out there to represent my state and all these people are out here just to watch us perform our craft, you just well up with pride. It gives you that much more motivation to just be as perfect as you can."

## Men's golf wins home tournament despite rain

By Grant Guggisberg  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's golf team finished atop the leaderboard at the rain-shortened Jim Colbert Intercollegiate, its only home event this season, by 22 strokes Tuesday at Colbert Hills Golf Course.

Going into the final round, the Wildcats had an 8-stroke lead over second place Illinois State. The team extended its lead over the field to 22 as the team shot a tournament-low 282 to take home the title. Head coach Tim Norris said he hoped winning this tournament would help the team later in the season.

"I know it can be a springboard for us confidence wise," Norris said. "We really have most of the fall season left to go, with this being the second tournament of six. I'm hopeful that this will help us. That's a good score we put up for two days, even on our home course."

In addition to running away with the team title, the Wildcats put up big numbers as individuals. Senior Joe Ida finished with a 2-under-par 140 to win the tournament outright, the first of his career. Teammate and fellow senior Mitchell Gregson finished one stroke behind him to finish second, with redshirt senior Joe Kinney and freshman Curtis Yonke finishing seventh and tied for eighth, respectively. Norris had high praise for Ida and

Gregson after leading the team to victory and finishing high as individuals.

"Obviously, they are going to be pillars of strength for us," he said. "I know what both of them are capable of. This should be a big boost of confidence for Joe Ida, with his first tournament win in college."

"He's been playing well all summer and then went to our first tournament in Indiana and didn't struggle, but just didn't quite put it together. I can see him really having a special senior year."

Finishing behind the Wildcats was KU, which shot a 294 Tuesday to overtake Illinois State for second place. Rounding out the top five were Illinois State, UMKC and Florida Gulf Coast and Western Illinois in a tie for fifth.

Rainy conditions shortened the event from 54 holes to 36 and plagued the golfers both days. Norris said challenging conditions provided a different challenge for his golfers, despite playing on their home course.

"We had some challenging conditions with wind direction yesterday, something we usually don't face this early in the year," Norris said. "But our guys did a good job of adapting, especially with a blend of three seniors and two freshman in the lineup."

Norris said the rain Monday made the course easier to play on Tuesday, though it did negatively affect the greens.



Senior Mitchell Gregson watches a shot during last year's Jim Colbert Intercollegiate. Mitchell finished second behind fellow senior Joe Ida in this year's home tournament.

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very well."

"There was just enough rain this afternoon there on the closing holes to slow down the greens a bit," he said. "So some putts from several players came up a little bit short. From what I saw, [the team] handled it

with 3.2 kills per set, and senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman, who has maintained a .355 hitting percentage through 12 matches.

The Wildcats, who are off to an 0-2 conference start for the first time since 2006, are continuing their ongoing identity search as Big 12 play continues.

"Right now, we're just inconsistent," Chipman said. "The wins will come as we get ourselves under control. We really do need to grow up here pretty quickly."

## Women's volleyball looks for first Big-12 win against Red Raiders

By Justin Nutter  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With a pair of conference matches in the books, head volleyball coach Suzie Fritz said the team is less than pleased with its performance.

"We're feeling a little disappointed about our first week, not in terms of the wins and losses as much as just our level of play," Fritz said.

K-State will get a chance to right the ship when it welcomes the Texas Tech Red Raiders to Ahearn Field House for a 7 p.m.

match-up.

In recent history, the K-State volleyball team has dominated Texas Tech within the friendly confines of Ahearn Field House. Since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996, the Wildcats (6-6, 0-2 Big 12 Conference) have won 18 of 24 meetings with the Red Raiders (2-9, 0-2 Big 12). Things have been even less enjoyable for Texas Tech, which has only beaten K-State in Manhattan once in 13 tries.

Though history might not favor the Red Raiders, who enter tonight's match-up on a 41-

game conference losing streak, Fritz said the team is no longer the pushover of the conference.

### VOLLEYBALL

K-State vs. Texas Tech

at 7 tonight in

Ahearn Field House

"[The Red Raiders] are significantly better than they've been in the past," Fritz said. "They've got a new coach, and they've got two new junior-col-

lege transfers. I think they're a much-improved team."

New coach, Trish Knight, has compiled 678 career wins during her coaching career. During her stint at Missouri State-West Plains, her teams appeared in the NJCAA championship tournament 10 straight times. The junior-college transfers, middle blockers Barbara Conceicao and Alexa Roberts, have combined for 95 kills and 59 blocks this season.

K-State will counter with junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm, who leads the team

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## Bars beyond the 'Ville



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Though Willie's Sports Bar and The Pub, 307 S. Seth Child Road, are conjoining sports-themed bars, the venues offer two very different experiences: Willie's provides a more all-American feel with its food choices while The Pub has an Irish vibe, specializing in European-style cuisine.

## A student's guide to bars outside of Aggierville

By Elena Buckner  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

**WILLIE'S AND THE PUB AT WILLIE'S**

These two conjoined sports bars, located at 307 S. Seth Child Road near West Loop Shopping Center, offer two different experiences within the same location.

Owner DJ Bruce described Willie's, which opened in 2001, as a family-oriented sports bar. It specializes in burgers and wraps and has several televisions for watching big games. The Pub at Willie's is located downstairs and has a completely distinct menu and atmosphere. The Pub has more of a European or Irish feel, Bruce said, and specializes in grilled and fresh sandwiches and homemade soups.

**MULLIGAN'S SPORTS PUB AND GRILL**

Located at 3043 Anderson Ave. near West Loop Shopping Center, this bar has several different weekly events and offers a wide variety of menu options. The bar has six HDTVs and promises to air all K-State games on its big screen. Bar owner Ray Garrison, said the bar's biggest drawing point is its energetic, family-friendly atmosphere.

"Not to sound cliché, but everyone really does know everyone's name here," Garrison said. "We know what you drink; we make real relationships here."

Mulligan's is known for its steak special, \$10.50 for a 12-ounce rib eye.

**THE LITTLE GRILL**

While not actually a bar, The Little Grill is notable because it is the only Jamaican food restaurant in the Manhattan area. Located at 6625 Dyer Road, it is about a 15-minute drive from campus, but offers an experience different from anything available in Aggierville.

"[The Little Grill] is a great place to relax and is cool because we have live music four nights a week," said Cale Errebo, a bartender and waiter at The Little Grill.

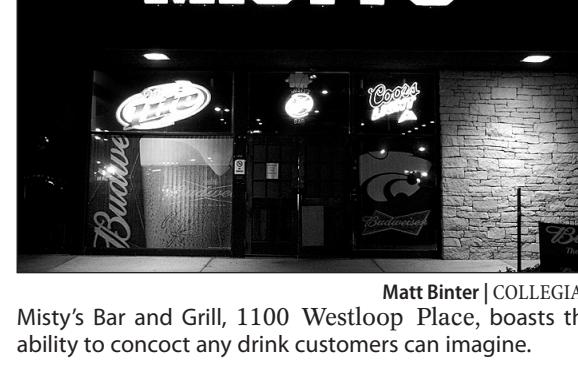
While reviews vary as to the quality of food and service at the restaurant, it is a different experience worth venturing outside of Aggierville to try.

**PADDY O'QUIGLEY'S PUB AND GRILLE**

Sometimes called "The Irish Sports Zone," the pub is located inside the Clarion Inn at 530 Richards Drive. Manager Jared Becker described the atmosphere as simultaneously relaxed and upscale.

"We kind of straddle two worlds here, combining the hominess of an Irish-themed sports bar with the elevated, pleasant aesthetic the hotel wants to provide its guests," Becker said.

Paddy O'Quigley's serves all different crowds, from students to soldiers to hotel guests. Becker said the location's most popular night of the week

**MISTY'S**

Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Misty's Bar and Grill, 1100 Westloop Place, boasts the ability to concoct any drink customers can imagine.

is Tuesdays, when they offer large burgers (one-half pound or bigger) for half price.

**MISTY'S BAR AND GRILL**

According to its Web site, *MistysBarandGrill.com*, the bar is home to the "longest bar in town." Located at 1100 Westloop Place, Misty's is known to make any drink imaginable. As long as the customer can tell the bartender what it is, they serve it at Misty's.

## Harris' new album features new style, does not beat original

**"Ready For The Weekend"**

Music review by Eli Neal

On Aug. 18, Scottish singer and producer Calvin Harris released his new album "Ready For The Weekend." The album debuted at No. 1 on the U.K. charts, overthrowing king of pop Michael Jackson's "The Essential."

While "Ready For The Weekend" is only Harris' second studio album, he is far from being a novice musician. Harris, 25, began his music career more than a decade ago. He bought his first synthesizer and began making electronic music at the age of 14.

"Ready For The Weekend" is a collection of fast-paced, upbeat, high-powered dance songs, many of which seem best suited for a European dance club. Perhaps the album's strongest moment is in its first minute and a half. "The Rain," the first song on the album, opens with soulful and enjoyable saxophone before breaking down into a dirty, bass-filled beat, which sounds undeniably Harris.

The album's title track is high-paced and particularly catchy. British singer Mary Pierce sings the song's hook, and her voice will likely be stuck in your head



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for hours after listening to the song. Other notable moments on the album include "Yeah Yeah Yeah, La La La," in which Harris very entertainingly attempts to sing like Prince, and my personal favorite song on the album, "Dance Wiv Me," which has an excellent beat and features British rapper Dizzee Rascal.

My largest problem with "Ready For The Weekend" is that it differs in a great number of ways from his first album "I Created Disco." Unfortunately, nearly every change Harris' style has undergone

since his first album was released in 2007 seems to have been a turn for the worse.

"I Created Disco," which peaked at number four on the UK charts, was undeniably influenced by the pop music of the 80s; nearly every song featured high-powered synthesizers and insatiably dirty bass lines. The influence of the 80s on "I Created Disco" became most apparent on the single "Acceptable in the 80s," an ode to those born during the decade.

"Ready For The Weekend," however, seems to channel little or none of the 80s influence, which made "I Created Disco" such an enjoyable album. Instead, he seems to have moved on a decade. The result is an album of fast-tempo dance music that feels and sounds a like the house music of the late 90s. While his first album felt retro and creative, "Ready For The Weekend" at times feels dated and out of style.

My second qualm with the album is in the manner Harris attempted to hide the fact that he is not the greatest singer on the planet. On the first album, Harris put minimal effects on his voice, and while his singing was, at times, less than perfect, it was nonetheless enjoyable. On "Ready For The Weekend," Harris often tries to hide behind numerous effects, filters and autotune. The result is

that songs like "Limits," "Flashback" and "Stars Come Out" often accentuate his deficiencies as a singer rather than mask them.

This is not to say "Ready For The Weekend" is an album void of merit or musical talent. Even though I might not agree with Harris' decision to change his style so dramatically, it would be impossible to say that the album does not stand as a testament to Harris' versatility and skill as a producer. Many of the tracks like "You Used To Hold Me" and "Rain" have beats that are undeniably skillfully crafted. It is certainly worth adding a few Calvin Harris songs to your playlist when preparing for your next party.

While "Ready For The Weekend" might not be the strongest of Harris' work, it certainly marks a turning point in his career. With the immense commercial success of the album, Harris is quickly aspiring to become a global music icon. As such, don't be surprised if his production or voice appears on the next Justin Timberlake, Jay-Z or Lady Gaga album.

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

**NEW INFO ABOUT SMITH'S PRESCRIPTIONS**

Investigators discovered 11 medications in Anna Nicole Smith's hotel room when she died, all prescribed by one doctor.

One pharmacist, however, refused to fill the prescriptions. Court records show that a Valley Village, Calif., pharmacist refused to fill



Smith

an order for six pharmaceuticals faxed in by Smith's psychiatrist, who has since been indicted along with another doctor and Howard K. Stern for allegedly furnishing the late star with drugs.

Dr. Kristine Eroshevich, whose name was on all 11 meds found in Smith's room, wrote prescriptions for two sedatives; 300 tablets of meth-

adone, a muscle relaxer; an anti-inflammatory drug; and four bottles of a painkiller nicknamed "hospital heroin," The Los Angeles Times reported.

"They are going to kill her with this," the unidentified specialist said, according to the affidavits pertaining to the investigation into Smith's 2007 death, which state that the pharmacist then called Smith's internist to say he had no intention of filling those prescriptions.

Objections from two other pharmacists were noted as well by investigators, who also said they have found evidence indicating Eroshevich and fellow suspect Dr. Sandeep Kapoor both engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with Smith.

A preliminary hearing on the case is set for next month. Larry Birkhead is among those close to Anna Nicole who are on the prosecution's witness list.

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**SOBIESKI SAYS CRAVINGS SIMILAR TO TASTE AS A KID**

Actress Leelee Sobieski is expecting her first child and has a theory when it comes to her pregnancy cravings.

"I think I like eating what little kids eat," Sobieski said at the season opening of the Metropolitan Opera on Monday in New York City.

Sobieski said she is preparing for the baby by doing two things: relaxing and eating lots of ice cream. However, the Joan of Arc actress is unable to eat as much of the frosty treat as she used to and

often eats macaroni and cheese instead.

"I eat less ice cream now than I did before because the baby takes up space," she explained.



Sobieski

After announcing her engagement to fashion designer Adam Kimmel in July, the Emmy-nominated actress said while wedding planning has taken a backseat to baby planning, it has not been forgotten.

"We have pushed that back," she said about her nuptials. "We are going to maybe do it in the spring."

For now, Sobieski, who is due in December, is staying focused on the upcoming arrival. She and Kimmel are keeping the sex of the baby a surprise, but Sobieski said even if she does find out the baby's gender, she will still keep it secret.

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**HASSELHOFF HOSPITALIZED, NOT RELAPSED**

Paramedics responded to a 911 call just before 3:30 p.m. Sunday at David Hasselhoff's home in Encino, Calif.

The 57-year-old "America's Got Talent" judge has not shied away from discussing his struggles with alcoholism.



Hasselhoff

He was hospitalized for alcohol poisoning in October 2007, just months after his daughter infamously videotaped him on the bathroom floor in the throes of a bender.

"Unfortunately, I did have a brief relapse, but part of recovery is relapse," he said in a statement upon release of the tape. "I am a

recovering alcoholic."

After speculation that the star was hospitalized for relapsing on his recovery plan, a representative for Hasselhoff said the actor was briefly hospitalized Sunday afternoon after a bout of dizziness due to a combination of prescription medication. Specifically, Hasselhoff "felt his equilibrium was off" after taking Antabuse, a medication for recovering alcoholics, and the antinausea drug Antivert.

The America's Got Talent arbiter could not reach his personal doctor, the rep said, so paramedics were called to his suburban Los Angeles home. At press, there is no word on his current condition.

Hasselhoff's spokesperson emphasized the star was hospitalized because of side effects of his medication and not because of an alcohol-related relapse.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Affordable' health care will not solve problems**

To both Molly McGuire and Doug Shane,

You both seem to miss the big picture along with most of America. Everybody keeps talking about affordable health insurance. What exactly is "affordable"? I have a nice state position earning \$12.04 an hour and what most consider "affordable" health insurance, but that is not necessarily the case. I have \$325.98 deducted from my paycheck every month, which is like losing 27 hours of pay each month.

Does that really sound affordable to you? How many of the Americans out there who have the option of health insurance can afford to work almost a full week

with no pay? Will forcing this on all Americans really solve any problems for any of us? If I was not married and with a second income, I would definitely have to think twice about having my insurance, no matter how important I feel it is.

People seem to think that "affordable health insurance" will solve all our problems. Well let me tell you, it will not. Even with health insurance, if you become ill, you probably will still be left with your head spinning from the way health care can add up.

I tell you this from experience; I have cancer.

It still can cost hundreds of dollars a month for medications and \$20 to \$40 for every doctor's visit, not to mention the co-pays for any

and all tests or procedures needed. When a test can require five shots at \$900 each (\$200 each co-pay), there is a problem.

Simply forcing all Americans to get insured will not be helping anyone except the insurance company collecting those new premiums. Unless America stands up and insists on a solution that will fix insurance costs, what can be charged for services and what drug companies are allowed to charge, the problems will still exist.

So far, health care reform sounds a lot like putting a Band-Aid on arterial bleeding.

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**Resources should belong to the people, not government entities**

Editor,

The point clearly missed by most people is that of property rights. Land, resources on that land, cattle, the feed that goes into the cattle – these things are not public property whose use is determined by a public majority, intellectual elites or politicians in Washington.

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Have some faith in your fellow man. If left to produce, it is not in his interest to screw you over. We can all prosper by our own efforts if given the chance. The government you see today is not the same one that was designed to protect our individual rights. It's a ruse and the source of all these problems.

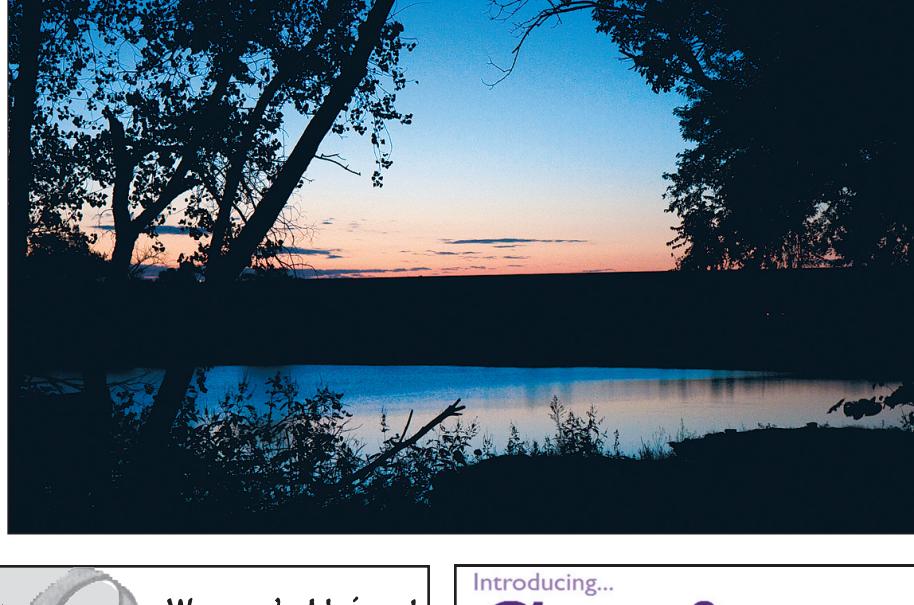
But then again, without all those problems, how could most of the bureaucrats justify their existence?

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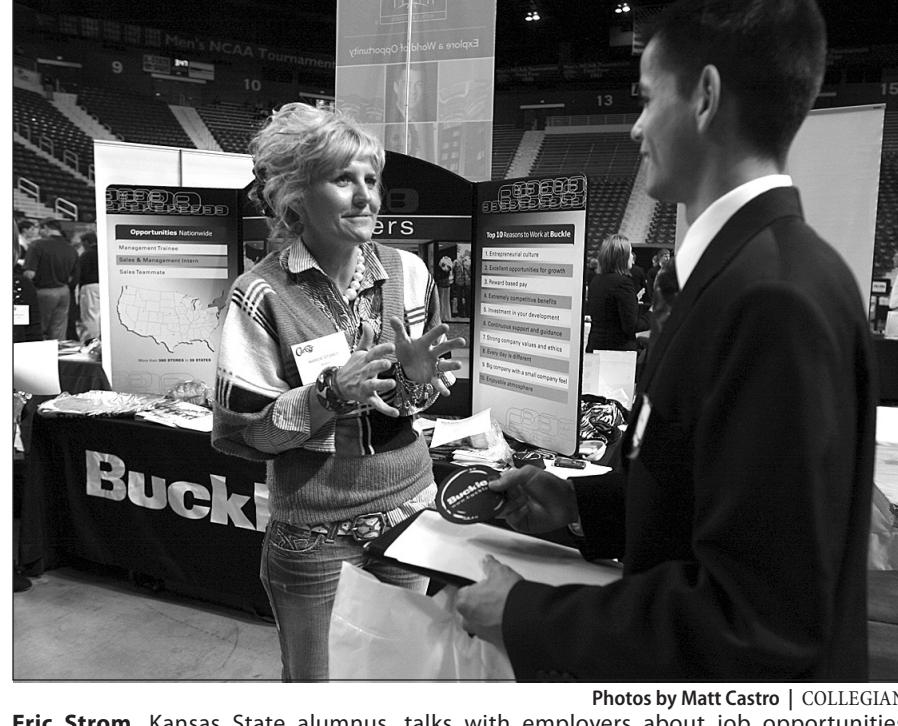
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## FAIR | Despite fewer employers, students continue to attend the fair



**Eric Strom**, Kansas State alumnus, talks with employers about job opportunities around the community. The fair saw a decrease of employers by about 50 percent because of the economy.

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try and fill a summer intern position, but we noticed a difference in the amount of businesses that were here," Poell said. "But with the economy the way it is, I am really not all that surprised."

The number of students who showed up to the fair to seek out potential employers was still strong.

"As far as foot traffic goes, we have seen quite a few more seniors, and we have been coming to this event for three years now," said Mark Cowan, a representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Mo. "We have spoken to anywhere from 250 to 300 people today, which is an increase from last year."

For students to see 100 potential employers in one day, it can be a little overwhelming. Mark Grady, senior in biology and women's studies, said he felt the need for a game plan to cover all the employers students choose to see at the fair.

"I have been here for a little over half an hour, and I have had a little luck," Grady said on Tuesday. "I was a little intimidated by the number of companies here today, but this is a great way to find a job and to connect with businesses."

For those who missed the career fair Tuesday,



The All-University Career Fair, located in Bramlage Coliseum, saw an average of 2,000 students despite the decrease in companies attending the event. Many students, have an idea of which employer they want to pursue and have a plan of action before arriving to the fair.

the fair still runs today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum. Businesses starting with letters K through Z are scheduled to attend.

Keller said students should attend the fair even if they are not a senior, as it is a good way to network and get a head start in the job market.

## STIMULUS | Intersection planned to be fixed in spring

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proach the intersection at an angle, greatly increasing the chance for accidents. The lack of sidewalks and bike paths make the intersection dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists as well as the normal automobile traffic, he said.

"Right now it's dangerous for pretty much everyone," Johnson said.

The city also will be using part of the \$1 million from the stimulus to move the intersection of Kretschmer Drive and McCall Road further west so drivers have more time to react when going from intersection to intersection.

"The further you can see your turn, the better you can make it," Johnson said.

However, he said intersections will remain partially open while under

construction.

Johnson said the Manhattan engineers had to do their homework on this project. The initial planning of it began to take shape two years ago. When the funds became available to improve the intersection, the majority of the preparations were already underway.

Johnson described the planning as a "multi-agency event" because engineers had to coordinate with the Department of Transportation and the Union Pacific Railroad. They also had to plan with the Department of Defense because an armory is located north of the area, Johnson said.

The project is scheduled to go to bid this fall, and Johnson said he anticipates construction to start sometime this spring.

## MENDOZA | Mendoza's music proved an enjoyable event for the week

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sings in both English and Spanish.

"I like to say that whatever I do ends in hope," Mendoza said referring to the songs he performs.

Mendoza said his musical style is a blend of many different sounds and cultures.

He performed a plethora of songs in both English and Spanish and even had time to share an experience he had after a show while on tour with the audience.

Myra Gordon, associate provost for diversity, said Community Cultural Harmony Week events are important because they help celebrate and educate students about diversity.

"Community Cultural Harmony Week is a tradition here at K-State started in the 80s by Barbara Baker, I do believe," Gordon said. "Over the years it has evolved into a very wonderful and large celebration of culture here at K-State."

Gordon said she enjoyed Mendoza's performance and is a fan of Spanish music.

"I just love the guitar and I just think the variety of lovely tunes that he provides, the experience that he provides to our students ... is very important," she said.

Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity members set up a multicultural showcase representing different Hispanic cultures and provided information about the cultures they were representing.

Elizabeth Renteria, sophomore in social work and president of H.A.L.O., said Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and is designed to promote and educate others about Hispanic culture.

"There are so many different cultures within the Hispanic culture," Renteria said. "There are a ton of different countries ... There's so much to share throughout the Hispanic and Latin American cultures."

## BRAZIL | Students pay home tuition to go abroad

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relationship with the Federal University of Santa Maria. Last year, Telmo Amado was at K-State in the Department of Agronomy on sabbatical teaching a course on tropical soils and conducting research on soil carbon sequestration, Rice said.

The grant is for undergraduate students, and the focus of the classes and exchange will be on food production, bioenergy and climate change. Any student can enroll in the program because K-State has signed an agreement with the Federal University of Santa Maria to allow any student from either university to attend the other university. The student only has to pay tuition at the home institution.

Scott Staggenborg, professor in agronomy, said this is a tremendous opportunity for students and faculty to gain international experience and be exposed to South American cultures and agricultural systems.

"Our participation was the result of relationships we have developed with faculty and researchers in Brazil over the past 10 years," Staggenborg said.

The program is scheduled to start in spring 2010, with 10 to 12 students expected to participate.

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### 100 Automobiles

## New jazz bar offers live music, fresh atmosphere, relaxed setting

By Ashley Dunkak  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A typical bar scene often includes raucous music, overcrowding and the inability to carry a conversation. Most K-State students are grateful for these venues, but with the recent opening of G's Jazz Bar at the intersection of Kimball Avenue and Vanesta Drive, there is a new alternative to that scene.

Glenda Phillips, the bar's owner, said she wanted to create a place with good music and a relaxing atmosphere for the older crowd of Manhattan.

"A lot of time, the people who service the students are sort of ignored," Phillips said. "We love college students, but we also know that other people need to be taken care of as well, so that little niche needed to be filled."

Though the bar targets an older crowd, college students are still welcome. G's seeks to offer a refuge to students who are looking for a change of pace from the usual bar scene.

"Sometimes you're sick of the same old thing all the time," said Sarah Phillips, manager of G's and Glenda's daughter. "It's a great date place, great to bring your parents to. You can sit down, have a decent conver-



sation with someone instead of yelling."

The decor reflects the more tranquil vibe with a black, red and silver color scheme contrasted by artwork on consignment from the Strecker-Nelson Gallery on Poyntz Avenue. On a small stage is a brown wooden piano, on which Glenda taught piano and voice lessons for more than 30 years.

Glenda said the music is definitely the main selling point of the establishment. Both she and Sarah studied music in college, and they play the piano and sing every night. On Fridays and Saturdays, guests provide live music.

"I think one thing that happens is [students] don't know a lot of the old standard stuff, and I don't think it's music that we need to panic about losing, but I think it's good for them," Glenda said.

She said she believes that knowing and understanding where music comes from is a factor in appreciating mu-

sic, which students may gain from giving something different a chance.

"Since I'm a musician, I think that keeping that historical thread is not a bad idea," Glenda said.

The bar will begin open mic nights within the next month, Glenda said.

"Open mic night doesn't have to just be singers," she

said. "It can be other musicians, like a jam session with other instrumentalists if they want to come in."

Glenda said she strongly encouraged students or other musicians to come in and perform.

"It's okay to make your own music," she said. "We live in such an electronic world, we end up not making our own music, and I think it's important to be able to do that."

In the more intimate setting of G's, performers receive good attention from the audience, Sarah said.

Tim Leitnaker, senior in hotel and restaurant management, is a bartender at G's.

"I can spend eight hours here, and it really just doesn't feel like a whole day of work," he said. "The clientele are great people. Obviously Sarah and Glenda are great people. [You] can't go wrong with the music."

Leitnaker also said he enjoys the more relaxed setting

of the venue. A busy night for G's would be considered dead for an Aggierville bar. However, Leitnaker said the smaller numbers are nice because there are no immense crowds to handle.

G's also offers discounts on certain nights of the week. Students can take advantage of a night out for a little less money than usual.

"We do have specials where people don't have to pay an arm and a leg," Glenda said.

Those specials include \$5 flavored martinis on Mondays, half-price domestic bottles on Tuesdays and half-price draft beer on Thursdays.

The bar does not charge a fee for admission and lets in people of all ages.

Leitnaker said the bar provides students an alternative place to go.

"Here, we'll have college kids every night," he said. "They come to have a cocktail [in] a place that's not Aggierville."



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